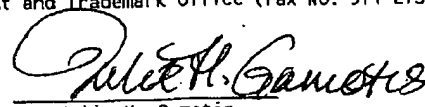


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RESPONSE

To the Director of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

In response to the office action dated March 28, 2008, Applicant provisionally elects Group I claims 1-23 and traverses the requirement for restriction.

Group II claims 24-28 are dependent claims and therefore cannot be restricted, as noted in treaties. The dependent method claims depend from Group I method claim 15 and cannot properly be restricted.

The examiner's stated reasons for restriction are not in accordance with MPEP 806. Because the inventions are related as claimed and are not distinct as claimed, restriction is never proper (MPEP 806.06).